

the required courses and training for the American Real Estate University, earning the designation of Certified REO Specialist (CREO) which better equipped him to utilize his real estate knowledge to assist those in critical need; and

Whereas, for nearly four decades, Mr. Longley served Dade and Broward counties as a licensed Realtor. He was an experienced Real Estate Developer, having built and sold single family homes. He also provided rental housing for Miami-Dade Section Eight and Moderate Rehab clients for over 25 years; and

Whereas, Mr. Longley was an active member in several cultural/community organizations. He was a mentor with the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project, appointed to the Miami-Dade Housing Program Landlord Advisory Council, a member of Dade and Broward Real Estate Investment Associations as well as a longtime member of the National Association of the Bahamas. Mr. Longley served as Chairman of St. Mary's Wesleyan Methodist Church as Trustee Chairman for over 20 years; and

Whereas, Mr. Longley was immensely proud of his Bahamian heritage. He was a Bahamian Junkanoo Musician and Costume Maker. He was the co-leader and founder of the Bahamas Junkanoo Revue of Miami, which performs the colorful Bahamian masquerade tradition throughout the United States. For decades, Langston served as a cultural bridge between the United States and the Bahamas promoting junkanoo all across the United States; and

Whereas, Mr. Longley leaves behind to cherish his precious memory: his lovely wife of 50 years Lula; his three children; seven adorable grandchildren; and numerous relatives and friends; and now, therefore,

Be it resolved That I, FREDERICA S. WILSON, a Member of the United States House of Representatives representing the 24th Congressional District of Florida, am honored to recognize the late Mr. Langston Longley, Sr. for his commitment, dedication, and service to our community.

HONORING SHERIFF BRIAN MARTIN

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Sheriff Brian Martin in recognition of his retirement and decades of service to the people of Lake County, California.

Mr. Martin was born in Granada Hills, California to Deputy District Attorney Joyce Campbell and Judge Richard Martin. After moving to Lake County, Mr. Martin attended Clear Lake High School and later received his bachelor's degree in Public Administration from Union Institute and University. His lifetime of service began with a tour of duty in the United States Army's Military Police Corps.

Mr. Martin then served with the Pismo Beach Police Department as Patrol Officer and Motors Officer before joining the Lake County Sheriff's Office as a Deputy in 2005. He has also worked as a Special Agent with the Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement and as

the Assistant Chief Probation Officer in the Lake County Probation Office. Continuing his service with the Lake County Sheriff's Office. Mr. Martin rose to the rank of Lieutenant before successfully running for two terms as the Lake County Sheriff.

As Sheriff, Mr. Martin has provided exemplary leadership in the face of unprecedented challenges such as the COVID-19 pandemic, major flood events and devastating wildfires like the LNU-Lightning Complex Fire, North Bay Complex Fires and the Sulphur Fire. He has testified in front of the California State Senate following the Valley Fire and made major technological advancements to the County's notification system. Additionally, Mr. Martin reclassified Correctional Officers to Peace Officers and promoted the first two female Deputy Sheriff Sergeants in the department's history. Some of his other achievements include safety improvements to Sheriff's Office buildings and vehicles, the addition of body-worn camera technology and the formation of the Sheriff's Foundation. In recognition of his outstanding work, I was proud to recognize Sheriff Martin as a Public Safety Hero of the Year for Lake County in 2016.

Mr. Martin is a devoted husband of 28 years to Crystal Martin and father of three. His children, Brian, Hayley and Matthew have all continued their family's proud tradition of military service.

Madam Speaker, I thank Sheriff Martin for his many years of selfless service and commitment to the people of Lake County. His efforts have undoubtedly made his community a safer place to live. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH COMMEMORATIVE WORK

SPEECH OF

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2022

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 6611, which would authorize the Embassy of France in Washington, D.C., to establish a commemorative bench honoring the extraordinary contributions of Jean Monnet to restoring peace between European nations and establishing the European Union.

Jean Monnet, known as the "Father of Europe," was a French diplomat and political economist who was instrumental behind the scenes in negotiating an early end to the Second World War, fortifying American and French relations, and politically and economically integrating Europe in the post-war era. Thanks to his innovation and vision, the United States and the European Union continue to share an enduring commitment to defending peace and liberty around the world and to standing together in the face of great challenges.

Throughout his many years of diplomatic service, Jean Monnet was a frequent visitor to Washington, D.C.—and like many of us, he felt a special connection to the natural beauty of Rock Creek Park. My hope is that this small token of respect in the place he loved will inspire others to follow in his footsteps and celebrate the democratic values that unite us all.

I ask all members to join me in supporting H.R. 6611, and in paying tribute to one of the great peacemakers of the 20th century.

RECOGNIZING KRISTI MALLARD ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise as Chair of the Appropriations Committee, and on behalf of the Members of the Committee, and its staff, to pay tribute to Kristi "Kris" Mallard as she retires following 24 years of government service, including over two decades within the House of Representatives.

Kris began her career in the Office of Congressman Sonny Montgomery from her home-state of Mississippi. After serving at the Pentagon, including during the terrorist attacks of 9/11, Kris came to Congress as a Navy detailee in 2002 with a unique perspective. Following these challenging years, Kris left the Department of the Navy to join the House Appropriations Committee as professional staff where she has served diligently and assiduously—first on the Defense Subcommittee and later the Homeland Security Subcommittee—since 2003.

With exceptional understanding of both the Defense and Homeland Security Appropriations bills, Kris has worked on a wide range of issues that have made our nation stronger and the world safer. Her expertise has made her a strong negotiator of some of the toughest policy areas under our Committee's jurisdiction, leading to responsible investments that have strengthened our national and domestic security. Her hard work and oversight efforts have helped our government work better for the American people, and her kindness and dedication to mentoring other staffers has made our Committee and our Congress stronger.

I believe I speak for myself and all Members of the Committee in saying we will miss Kris's valuable insight and her hard work greatly. Her dedication to the Appropriations Committee and to advancing reforms to make government work better have made her an unparalleled asset. I congratulate Kris on a wonderful career. The Nation and this body are deeply thankful to her for her leadership, service, and dedication.

RECOGNIZING LINDA MARTÍN MASON UPON HER DEPARTURE FROM THE SAN BRUNO CITY COUNCIL

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Linda Martin Mason who served on the San Bruno City Council for three years, the last one as Vice Mayor. The timing of her term was truly challenging because the majority of it was during the COVID-19 pandemic, a once-in-a-century event that no city council candidate could have possibly foreseen. Linda, her council colleagues and city staff rose to the occasion and found ways to keep San Bruno residents as safe as possible and to assist small businesses through these difficult years.

The challenges of the pandemic played out in the Mason household. Linda, as General

Counsel and Chief People Officer at the Housing Authority of the City and County of San Francisco, was an essential worker and required to work from her office. So too was her husband, Andrew Mason, as the President of the San Bruno Park School District Board of Trustees. Linda and Andrew have two young children, Fabian and Gabriel, now ten and six. Balancing their duties as a council member and trustee while alternating who was working remotely or from the office while also caring for their children whose daycare had been closed due to the pandemic was very difficult and stressful, but with the support of each other, Linda and Andrew managed. We owe them both a big debt for their unwavering service.

During her time on the council, Linda and her colleagues were very productive. They negotiated a community benefits package with one of San Bruno's top employers, YouTube, that will result in \$54 million coming to the city and create a state-of-the-art, environmentally friendly office park and community space in the Bayhill neighborhood. The construction of the new Recreation and Aquatic Center, funded by a PG&E settlement after the tragic pipeline explosion in 2010 that killed eight residents, is on time and within budget. The council successfully placed a transit occupancy tax measure on the ballot that will bring the tax to industry standards. They also negotiated with WalMart to bring over \$3 million in additional tax revenue to the city. This year I was pleased that the House of Representatives approved almost half a million dollars in Community Project Funding for wildfire prevention for the cities of San Bruno and Belmont. Additionally, we voted to approve \$2.4 million to the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County that would address flood control issues in San Bruno. It's now up to the U.S. Senate to approve this funding.

The council enacted an emergency ordinance to protect small businesses from being evicted during the pandemic. Outdated rules were updated so that small restaurants downtown are now allowed to open without having to create parking. The council created a much-needed street paving schedule and supported \$6 million in funding this year.

Linda didn't hesitate to initiate or lead projects. Local press reports that Linda jumpstarted the negotiations with Artichoke Joe's which will provide about a million additional dollars to the city. She was also instrumental in securing \$200,000 in county funds to beautify Posey Park and to fix a non-working fountain. Linda was a strong proponent for 12-year term limits for council council members and mayors, a measure that passed by more than 80 percent.

Always advocating for transparency, equity and good governance, Linda has successfully pushed for more diversity on committees, commissions, and boards. She also advocated for stricter accountability measures from the San Bruno Foundation to assure grants are utilized as intended. Thanks to her, all foundation meetings are now recorded and available for public viewing. As a parent with children in public schools, Linda pushed for open communication and partnership between the school district and the city. The city manager and superintendent now meet regularly and during the pandemic, the city provided its internet service to low-income students who lacked internet access during the lockdown. Linda in-

troduced the idea of the Peninsula Museum of Art moving into Tanforan Mall and repurposing additional empty mall space as working artists' studios.

Linda is a San Francisco native. She earned a double major BA in Political Science and Spanish from San Francisco State University. She completed most of the coursework for her BA at Universidad Complutense de Madrid in Spain. She received her JD from San Francisco Law School.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Vice Mayor Linda Mason for her service to the residents of San Bruno who are among the most resilient constituents in my Congressional District. I have no doubt that Linda will stay engaged in public life and continue to contribute to the community she loves.

RECOGNIZING JAYLEE LYNCH

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jaylee Lynch, Garden City, Michigan's longest-serving city council member, as she celebrates 23 years of service, including 4 years as Mayor of Garden City.

A lifelong resident of Garden City, Jaylee Lynch has embodied the spirit of public service. The people of Garden City hold a special place in her heart and took pride in representing a welcoming community. Jaylee Lynch's dedication to her city was evident in the work she championed to ensure the expansion of the fire department, community center, and downtown redevelopment.

During her tenure, Council Member Lynch advocated for the issues most important to the residents of Garden City as a representative on the Conference of Western Wayne. Outside of her official work, Council Member Lynch is an active member of several service-oriented organizations, including the Garden City Kiwanis Club.

Please join me in showing appreciation for Garden City Council Member Jaylee Lynch for more than two decades of public service for her 15 years of service to the people of Michigan's 13th District Strong, as we wish her well on her future endeavors.

COMMEMORATING STAFF ON THE HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Mr. GRIJALVA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of three long-time staffers, each of whom has served this body and the American people for more than two decades.

All of us on this floor recognize the essential contribution staff make towards our individual and collective success—whether crafting policy, shepherding legislation, or serving our constituents. Knowledgeable, diligent, talented public servants are the glue of this institution,

and those who dedicate their lives and careers towards this service deserve our special appreciation for sharing their wisdom and experience with the next generation of public professionals.

The staff I hope to honor here today embody those ideals, working tirelessly and selflessly to support progress on issues that matter to the American people, serving as a model for our entire team and for this chamber. Though no speech could encapsulate the breadth of their dedicated service, I firmly believe they deserve to be recognized before the full House for their distinguished careers.

David Watkins, the Staff Director for the House Committee on Natural Resources, began his career on Capitol Hill more than two decades ago, first joining the office of his hometown Congressman and our esteemed colleague, Representative LLOYD DOGGETT.

David then joined the Committee working on public lands issues before working his way up to Subcommittee Staff Director, Chief Counsel, and eventually to Staff Director of the full Committee. Under David's leadership in the majority and minority, our Committee saw historic accomplishments, from advancing comprehensive environmental justice legislation to supporting self-determination for the people of Puerto Rico.

Even as the Full Committee Staff Director, David's work on the behalf of public lands was never far from his heart. Throughout his career he was an adept advocate for special places, advancing historic lands bills from P.L. 111–11 and the Dingell Act to the Great American Outdoors Act.

Perhaps most of all, David was a trusted and respected leader on our team, helping to support and develop staff, incorporate diversity and inclusivity, and ensure we championed issues too often forgotten. His knowledge of Committee process and history was invaluable as I took on a Committee leadership role, and his guidance and good humor have helped our Committee through many long markups and floor debates.

Nancy Locke, the Chief Clerk of the House Committee on Natural Resources, has been in her current role since 2019, but her service to this Committee and this Congress began long before.

Nancy first joined the Committee more than twenty years ago, first serving as the Clerk for the Subcommittees on Energy and Mineral Resources and National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands under Chair Doc Hastings, before working her way up to Deputy Chief Clerk and then Chief Clerk of the Full Committee. Her distinguished career also included more than a half decade of service on the House Education and Labor Committee as their Chief Clerk.

Throughout her time on the Hill, Nancy has seen this chamber change hands and change in its composition, but she has remained an unwavering force. Over the years, Nancy has kept our hearings and markups in order, consistently ensuring proper procedure, and keeping the Committee on track.

Her famed weekly meetings served as an opportunity for her team to coordinate activities across the Committee but was also at the heart of our work—she kept the trains running on time, helped ease staff transitions, and organized procedurally complex Committee business.

In addition to her work as Chief Clerk, Nancy has provided invaluable mentorship to